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Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

Didsbury High School Jr. band performs during the annual Christmas concert. It was their first performance in the new school building.

## Fighting to keep our seniors

**Didsbury joins other rural municipalities in the struggle to break down seniors housing barrier**

BY JODI STYNER  
*Didsbury Review*

Didsbury is losing its seniors to a provincial government decision that has local politicians frustrated to the point they're even considering a form of privatized seniors housing to get them back.

Seniors looking for a room in Aspen Ridge Lodge are continually being turned away and forced to seek accommodation away from the familiar.

It may be an ugly situation, but it's no surprise.

Alarms started sounding six months ago when the provincial government announced it was changing its seniors housing priority rating forms to put more emphasis on income and none on residency.

Doreen Wilson, CAO of Mountain View Seniors Housing (MVSH), was particularly concerned with the criteria shift.

"If someone has lived in a community all their life, why shouldn't they be able to go to a lodge in that community?" she said.

Now Town council is joining Wilson in her quest for answers.

Mayor Dorothy Moore called the situation "appalling" and mused that a "more private situation", might be the way to go.

"There might be a lot of options that Seniors Housing might be able to look at," she said.

With Didsbury and other area municipalities, along with the county, all seeing a 10 per cent requisition increase to fund seniors lodges, the consensus is that the money should go to local seniors.

"Lodges in a particular area are meant to help people in that area," said councillor Bob Davidson.

"This is not acceptable to communities that are trying to support their own seniors."

According to Councillor Stan Neufeld, who sits on the MVSH board, requisitions from the county and municipalities matches government funding.

"So really, they have no more say in the matter," he said.

"But they're the ones who manage the criteria and they just basically forced it upon Seniors Housing."

As the organization looks to build a new multi-million dollar lodge in Olds, to

be funded in large part by the towns and county, councillors are asking why they'd want to build a lodge that wouldn't even house its residents.

Davidson called the new rating system "extreme".

"Residency should stay as a key component and it should not be restricted," he said, but was at a loss for a solution to the problem.

Neufeld said at MVSH's last meeting a couple of weeks ago, its members were just as lost.

"We kind of all just sat around the table looking at each other, thinking, what can we do?" he said.

"Everybody's frustrated with it, it's just there's no action other than just being rebellious that we can take."

But Mayor Moore said she's not ready to give up the fight just yet.

"Actually we have support from all the rural areas," she said.

As the Southern municipality president of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), she plans to bring the issue forward at the next meeting.

Councillor Brian Wittal said, if nothing else, bringing it forward to the AUMA

will at least "illuminate" the situation.

Back in June, Alberta Seniors and Community Supports spokesperson Robert Storrier said the change was necessary to deal with a huge seniors housing crunch in the province.

"When you're looking at a finite number of spaces to try to fit people in, you have to determine what's the best match," he said.

Storrier said the government does recognize the concerns, and that the ideal solution would be to relieve the housing shortage, but in the meantime, low to moderate income should be put at the top of the list.

"It falls in line with all government programs, in that they make sure those with the most need are given priority," he said.

"The new forms allow us to determine that need to make the best fit."

With Alberta's aging population expected to grow by over 40 per cent in the next 10 years, the problem could only get worse. Storrier said the decision to adjust the priority rating system was not taken lightly and was developed after extensive consultation with the provincial housing association.

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# HOLIDAY TRAIN



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

Didsbury was a party town last week when more than 2,000 people came out to share the Christmas joy and see Canada's most special train.

(Top two) The CP Rail Holiday Train is a beautiful sight alight in Christmas cheer. (Left) When Khyla Power got separated from her dad in the crowd she knew just what to do... get on stage and rock out with Wide Mouth Mason guitarist Shaun Verreault so her dad would have no trouble finding her.

(Right) Didsburians are used to train whistles but Bob, Kate and Joyce Blackett from Olds weren't. When the train conductor told them to plug their ears as he pulled out of town, they listened. •CP Rail staff got the party started encouraging the crowd to dance, sing and enjoy themselves.

(Bottom) One of Didsbury's biggest gatherings. More than 2,000 people enjoyed the event and donated \$1,746 and 2,662 pounds of food for the Mountain View Food Bank.



# Spirit shines as Holiday Train pulls into town

**Thousands raised for local food bank to help area residents in need**

BY JODI STYNER

Didsbury Review

Didsbury was lit up with holiday spirit Wednesday as over 2,000 people gathered to see the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train roll into Town.

Complete with a rapping Santa and entertainment from big name acts Wide Mouth Mason and Lisa Brokop, it was a night to remember.

But it was also for a good cause.

The event collected 2,660 Lbs. of food for the Mountain View Food Bank.

"The trucks they brought were filled to capacity," said organizer Greg Hnatiuk.

"I was on the train when it went south, but our fire chief, Rick, was saying they were still putting food in there when the train was gone."

Organizers estimate the weight value equals approximately \$5,300.

Cash donations came in at \$1,746 and CPR donated a \$1,000 cheque as well.

Turnout and donations far exceeded what organizers expected.

"We were only expecting about 400

people," said Hnatiuk.

"I was just astonished."

CPR staff and family members were on hand to sell CDs, with 100 per cent of the profits going to charity.

Over 200 CDs were sold in Didsbury.

"There's a town of 12,000 in the States that the US holiday train stopped at where they only sold one CD," said Hnatiuk.

"I'm still in awe over the whole thing. It was just beautiful."

Two years ago when the holiday train came through town Hnatiuk said only about 180 people showed up, but this year, with fewer stops along the way, people from all over the county came to Didsbury to take part.

Colleen Gustuvson, who played a large role in organizing the event, said the generosity and spirit of people overwhelmed.

"It was a great night and obviously for a great cause," she said.

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Jodi Styner/Didsbury Review

**LITTLE HELPERS** - Ross Ford students have fun buying back toys their fellow classmates donated to raise funds for the Christmas Helpers Campaign, while at the same time getting a little holiday shopping done. Items ranging from \$0.25-\$2 sold for a total of about \$1,000, making the annual white elephant sale the largest cash contributor to the Christmas Helpers fundraiser. The Angel Tree portion of the campaign is going strong, with gifts handed into the post office Wednesday and wrapping to begin Thursday at the Zion church. Delivery of the gifts, as well as food hampers will take place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday.

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Mug's Coffee House - Dawn Glubrecht  
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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## The greatest Christmas of all

Dec. 25 is just days away and you still have a pile of Christmas cards that haven't been sent out.

The six-year-old you need to buy for won't tell you what she wants because if she says it out loud Santa won't bring it.

Whoever thought it was possible to organize the perfect Christmas was insane.

But sometimes it's the most imperfect holiday that stands out, not like a horrific pimple that will be gone in a few days, but like a little permanent scar above one eyebrow that gives a person real character.

Thinking back, I've had many imperfect Christmases. The one we spent in the hospital when Dad slipped a disc in his back stands out as one.

I'll never forget when, hopped up on morphine, he pointed up and said with amazement, "look at Fred pedal that car."

There was no TV in the room.

When he came down from his high, he noticed that I looked sad and said, "I'll be OK honey, don't worry."

By then I already knew he'd be fine. I was upset in my fit of terror when Dad had collapsed at home, I'd dropped the cat's special soft food - his Christmas treat - into the snow.

But the most imperfect and best Christmas happened when I was four years old.

Mom, big brother and I were driving home to Innisfail when the car broke down.

It was cold and we were in the middle of nowhere, before the time of cell phones.

Mom knew she had to walk to get help, but I was sick and too little to keep up.

She swaddled me in a blanket and told my brother not to take his eye off of me, she'd be right back.

It seemed to take forever and it was getting colder.

My brother was singing Christmas songs to keep my spirits up when suddenly he stopped mid-chorus, dropped his jaw and started pointing frantically.

"Look, look up there!" he shouted.

"It's Santa and there's Rudolf."

I swear to this day that we saw Santa and his eight reindeer flying through the sky. I heard the bells jingle on the reindeer's harnesses and a big loud "Ho, Ho, Ho" from Santa himself.

Perhaps we were delirious from the cold or our imaginations were just strong enough to turn a flashing red light from an aircraft into Rudolph's nose.

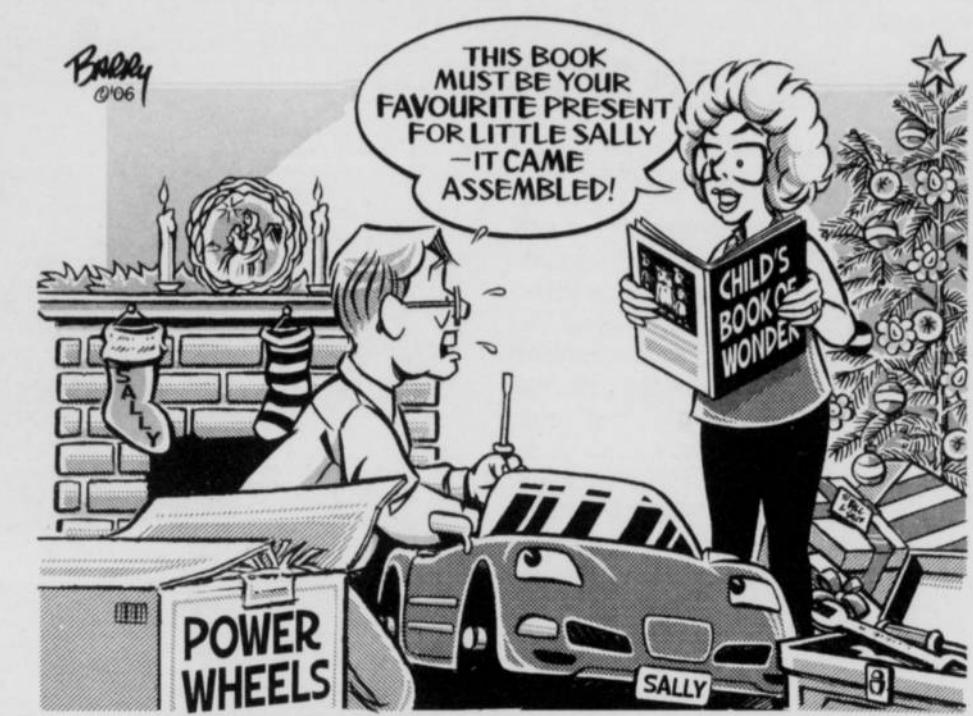
Or maybe Christmas magic really does exist.

After walking for miles, Mom eventually came back with an old man who drove us home. I couldn't stop talking about Santa and his reindeer as I munched on a cookie the man's wife had sent for us.

When we arrived at our doorstep, my mom gave the man a long hug.

I think for all of us, this is the Christmas that stands out, in all its imperfection, as the greatest one of all.

Jodi Styner



## AT THE KITCHEN TABLE The Christmas Rebel

BY NOREEN OLSON

*For the Review*

"I'm not going to Grandma's," said Alex.

"Not going to Grandma's this year

The little cousins make too much noise

The big girls pick on the little boys

The old aunts bug me about my hair

The way I eat, the clothes I wear

Grandpa won't talk and Grandma won't stop

The Uncle's dumb jokes always flop

There's too much squash and not enough meat

There's too little space and too much heat

I'm too big to sit at the children's table

I'll stay at home, I'm perfectly able

To make a sandwich and heat some soup

I'm too old to go to Grandma's."

On Christmas morning they packed the car

Grandma's house wasn't all that far

But still they took enough dishes and gear

Pots, clothes and food to

last a year

His brother and sister were packed in too

"Come on Alex," they said, "there's room for you"

Alex almost went, he was lonely already

But he'd taken a stand and he had to hold steady

He couldn't give in before he'd begun

He pushed aside any thought of fun

He tried to forget all the things he'd see

The stockings all hung and the great big tree

He faltered a bit at the thought of the food

Sheer hunger might force him to come unglued

So he hurried back to the empty house

Scurried inside like an orphan mouse

Stopped for a while by the unlit tree

Felt frail and trapped not strong and free

Moved to the kitchen and checked the fridge

Poked at some cartons and lifted lids

Nothing looked great, or even decent

None of the leftovers seemed to be recent

They'd taken the good stuff to Grandma's dinner

He wasn't a champ or even a winner

He was missing his favorite day of the year

He was missing his Grandma and Grandpa so dear

He was missing his cousins his flesh and his bone

It was Christmas and he was all alone

He'd get on his bike and go by himself

How dare they just leave him alone on the shelf

He snatched up a coat and opened the door

Picked up his boots from off of the floor

Tears blurring his eyes he ran down the walk

And then there was the car, they'd just circled the block.

## POUNDERINGS OF THE HEART

BY MARGARET FRADLEY

*For the Review*

I do not remember how this story got into my possession, but felt it needed to be shared.

Twas the night before Jesus came when all through the house

Not a Creature was praying, not one in the house

Their bibles were laying on the shelf without care

In hopes that Jesus would not come there

The children were dressing to crawl into bed

No one was kneeling or bowing their heads

And Mom in her rocker with babe on her lap

Was watching the late show, while I took a nap.

When out in the East their arose such a clatter

I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter

Away to the wind I flew like a flash

To open the shutters and throw up the sash

But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here

With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray

I knew in a flash it must be the day

The light of His face made me cover my head

It was Jesus returning just like He said

And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth

I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the book of life which He had in His hand

Was written the name of every saved man

He spoke not a word as He searched for my name

When He said "it's not her" my head hung in shame

The people who's names had been written in

## "A Christmas Reminder"

love

Gathered to take to the Father above

With those who were ready He rose without sound

While all the rest of us were left standing around

I fell to my knees but it was too late

I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate

I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight

Oh, if only I had been ready tonight

In the words of my poem the meaning is clear

The coming of Jesus is drawing so near

There's only one life and then comes the last call

We'll find that the Bible is right after all.

Let us be reminded when and where it all began, and focus on the reason for the season.

Have a blessed Christmas, one and all.

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# Con artists hit again...

*...this time with phantom medical bill*

BY JODI STYNER  
*Didsbury Review*

In the wake of a recent warning from police about telephone frauds and identity theft, another local may be a victim of a scam artist.

Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer said a man came into the detachment last week complaining that he'd received a medical bill from an American hospital for care his elderly father never received.

"He hasn't been to the States for many, many years and it was for a pretty large sum of money," said O'Dwyer.

"So I said to him, 'you know, there's a possibility someone used your dad's name and got hospital care.'"

With a private health care system requiring American residents to provide proof of credit or insurance before receiving care, the there, said O'Dwyer.

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SGT. KEVIN O'DWYER

"They say, 'you've got to pay, they check his credit, his credit was good, he received the medical care he needed, the bill goes out, and the family goes, what's this? Dad's never been there.'"

"And insurance bills in the States can be huge."

O'Dwyer suggested the man check into his family's credit to see if someone might have stolen his father's identity.

This is one more incident O'Dwyer said shows just how big a cash cow identity theft can be, and a reminder that it can happen to anyone.

"It's wide-ranging and it hits all of the communities," he said.

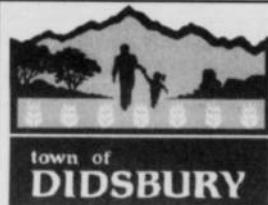
Following the Review's recent article on identity theft, banks were flocking with residents looking to get extra protection against becoming the next victim.

The banks were a little overwhelmed, but now temptation is awareness is heightened, and that's a good thing, said O'Dwyer.



"I guess a lot of people went to their banks, which is good, but some of the banks were saying 'let us know first,'" he said.

"So I got in a little bit of trouble, but that's OK. In fact, one girl said it made them actually go in and research stuff and realize, yeah there are protections there."



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## Thank You!

*The Town of Didsbury would like to acknowledge the following people and businesses that made the CPR Holiday Train an enormous success:*

Didsbury AG Foods, Mountain View Credit Union, James Carpenter, Olds Value Drug Mart, Grant Hemming, Bill Windsor, Marilyn Laurin, Bob Davidson, Marg Northcott, Michael Northcott, Brian Wittal, Jordan & Branden Gustavson, Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Constable Rob Power, Didsbury & District Fire Department, 97.7 CKLJ, Mountain View Food Bank Volunteers, Greg Hnatiuk, Town of Didsbury Public Works Crew, Mayor Dorothy Moore, CPR Holiday Train, Crew and Entertainment.

*Most of all, THANK YOU to all of the residents of the Town of Didsbury and surrounding communities for coming out to support the local food bank.*

## DEPARTMENT HOURS OF OPERATION:

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Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre	335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	335-3265
Library	335-3142

## PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

### TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

*The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. (January 12, 2007)*

### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006 — Council Chambers 4:30 pm

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Was passed at the December 5th Council Meeting

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## NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

• DP 146-06 305 Morris Place	Single Family Dwelling with condition	R2
• DP 147-06 35 Silverstone Place	Single Family Dwelling with waiver and conditions	R2
• DP 148-06 1600A&1600B – 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Change of Use with conditions vacant and recreational centre to personal services and offices	C1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037—19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on January 2, 2007.

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*Mayor Moore, Councillors Davidson, Dodyk, Neufeld, Ryckman, Veno and Wittal along with CAC, Roy Brown and the entire Staff of the Town of Didsbury wish you all a Safe and Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!*

# Unique art exhibit on display

BY JODI STYNER  
*Didsbury Review*

They are originals, small editions and, most importantly, self-produced.

They are Artist Trading Cards and anybody can make them.

Professionals and amateur artists alike share their miniature artworks (3.5" x 2.5") exchanging and collecting the cards at exhibitions, like the one now on display in Didsbury.

The project was initiated in 1997 by Zurich artist m.vanç stirnemann.

Since then, several hundred people from all over the world have traded ATCs and its popularity is growing in Canada, the U.S., Europe and Australia.

The idea behind the project is to challenge the tradition of art as a commodity

while emphasizing the portability of art, communication and ideas.

"The whole trading card movement is more than the travelling exhibit," said Inez Kosinski, Didsbury Library.

"But what we have in the library is an exhibit on loan for several weeks, and we'll also be doing a workshop where people will be able to come in and make their own trading cards."

They library secured the exhibit through its participation in the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program.

They typically book three shows throughout the year.

"This is one of the ones we chose for this year," said Kosinski.

The travelling exhibition will be up at the Didsbury Municipal Library from Dec. 18-Jan 23.

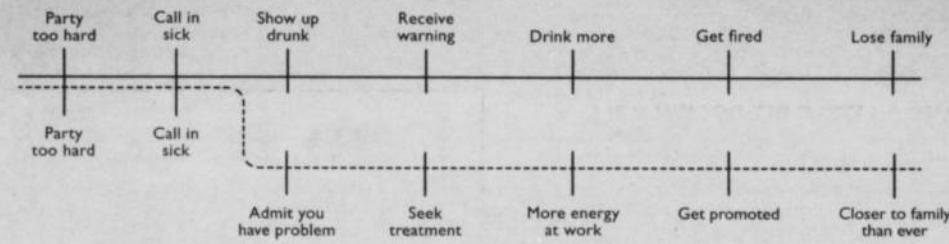
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*Didsbury Library*



Artist trading card by Chuck Stake in collaboration with Wendy Toogood and Larry Stilwell.

## THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO LIVE WITH A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM.



Few moments can have a greater impact on your life than the moment when you decide to do something about a substance abuse problem.

Most people feel an immediate sense of relief just from talking to someone about their problem. It is also common for people to feel empowered by the process of doing something to regain control of their lives.

Substance abuse problems are among the most common mental disorders in the Calgary Health Region. And they are often associated with other mental disorders such as anxiety and depression.

Some significant signs include a craving or compulsion to drink, the inability to control how much you drink, withdrawal symptoms (nausea, shakes, anxiety) and needing to drink increasing levels of alcohol in order to feel its effects.

One in four people in the Calgary Health Region will experience a mental disorder in the course of a lifetime.

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Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY AND A LITTLE BIT ROCK'N ROLL -**

Brian Hepp, owner of Olds' 97.7 CKLJ FM radio station, has applied to the CRTC for permission to start a new rock station to compliment the country station he has been running for the past three years.

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# New area rock radio station planned

**Hepps apply for new licence**

BY STEPHANIE MYLES  
For the Review

Olds and area could be rocking to a new beat by next fall.

Brian and Melanie Hepp, the voices behind Olds' country music radio station, CKLJ 97.7 FM, have applied to start up a rock 'n' roll station in town.

Brian Hepp described it as a "real family rock station", playing everything from Nickelback to the Guess Who to the Rolling Stones. He said the station will appeal to a broader audience and better serve the tastes of people in Olds.

"People may go elsewhere to find the type of music they like so we'd just like to be able to fill that need locally as well."

Hepp said rock 'n' roll fans will get the music they love with a local feel.

"If people want to listen to rock 'n' roll they can have that on another frequency and at the same time still have the local news, weather, sports, and still hear everything that's going on in and around the area," he said.

The Hepps applied to

the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) earlier this year. Hepp said the CRTC should post the application on its Web site soon, asking for public comments.

People can show their support by submitting a comment online, or writing a letter for Hepp to send to the CRTC.

"When it comes time for the hearing then they look at the support and the letters and things," he said.

"The more the better, it really would be great."

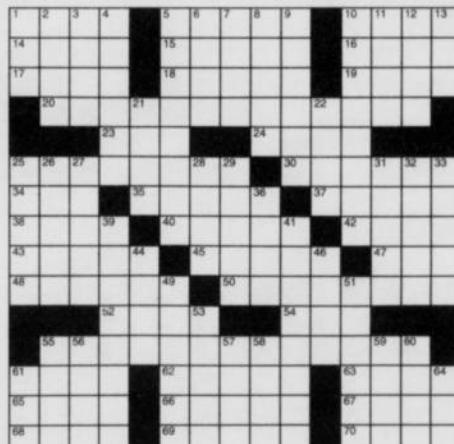
Hepp said he hopes the CRTC will hear the application in the spring and make a decision before the fall.

The Hepps started the CKLJ FM three years ago, and Brian said the new rock station will add versatility to listening choices in the area.

"You could have the radio on at the office as well and still have a nice blend, but also have some classic rock mixed in there," he said.

Anyone interested in showing support can go to [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca) or contact 97.7 FM in Olds.

## Crossword Puzzle

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. War gear (slang)
- 5. Engine additive
- 8. Optimistic market
- 12. Third-dimensional
- 13. Iraq (Dutch)
- 15. Continent
- 16. Acid
- 17. Filippo \_\_\_ Saint
- 18. Second letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 19. Deliberate subversion
- 21. One who presents a bond for payment
- 23. A leaf attached directly by the base
- 24. Basic, one two three
- 25. Term of address to a boy
- 26. Nut covering the end of a bolt
- 27. Patti Hearst's captors
- 30. Bearded reddish sheep
- 34. Seated
- 35. Cain and \_\_\_
- 36. Pisces or Leo
- 40. Slang for requests
- 41. Caviar
- 42. Turkish tour specialists
- 43. Volcanic mountain in Japan
- 44. Digital tape recording of sound
- 45. Compass point between north and northeast
- 47. The length of time someone has lived
- 48. Membrane that vibrates
- 53. African hunting expedition
- 57. Have a barrier between
- 58. Guilty or not guilty
- 59. Major news story
- 61. Japanese socks
- 62. Mormon state
- 63. A British peer ranking
- 64. Narrative poems
- 65. Decays
- 66. Something that links
- 67. Scottish Ecological Design Assoc.
- 68. \_\_\_ el Adams: photographer
- 70. Short sleep
- 71. Window covering
- 72. Extremely violent
- 73. City on Mohawk river
- 74. Military dining room
- 75. Boot attachment
- 76. Highest adult male singing voice
- 77. A notable achievement
- 78. Expresses pleasure
- 79. Dress in India
- 80. Take in solid food

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Naval battle 474 BC
- 2. Hebrew for barley
- 3. Son of Zeus

*Solution in next week's Didsbury Review*

# RCMP recruiting vigorously

**Sergeant reflects on a rewarding career and encourages newcomers to make a difference**

BY JODI STYNER

Didsbury Review

With one new officer gearing up to start work with the Didsbury RCMP this month, and another hopefully on the way in the summer, the detachment is looking to expand even further.

"We're recruiting vigorously," said Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer.

"We need bodies."

But it doesn't stop in Didsbury.

K-Division is looking to recruit up to 400 new officers for Alberta in 2007 and nationally, the RCMP is putting out a big push for applications.

"They're looking for members all over," said O'Dwyer.

City police are in the same boat. O'Dwyer heard the Calgary Police Service sent its chief to China recently to find recruits there, and a campaign has started in England to bring British applicants to Calgary as well.

O'Dwyer said as far as RCMP recruitment goes, Alberta has taken the lion's share of recruits for the last couple of years.

"And I know now some of the other divisions need more recruits as well," he said.

O'Dwyer said the RCMP's Web site is a good resource for interested applicants.

"At any of the detachments, if somebody comes in and wants to put in an application, we're accepting applications, sending them up to K-Division and then they start the process after that," he said.

There are lots of benefits to becoming an

RCMP officer, according to O'Dwyer.

"Obviously it's very stable work. There's no lack of work," he joked.

But, risking cliche, O'Dwyer said the big reason to join is to help people.

"I joined because I wanted to help," he said.

"A lot of people say that's the standard response from everybody, but it's true."

"To me that's very satisfying, to be able to go and help somebody who's really in need," he said.

"That's why I joined and that's why I'm still here."

The impression that people become officers to exert power is false, according to O'Dwyer.

"A lot of people think it's looking to have

hungry, saying 'I'm going to have some ability to have something over somebody else. That's the last thing you want in a police force."

The people they do want are looking out for the best for the people and want to make a real difference in the community.

Successful applicants won't serve in their hometown communities, because familiarity can impede their ability to be impartial, which is an important skill to have as an officer.

For that same reason officers are often transferred after five years.

While that may seem counter-productive to getting involved in the community, O'Dwyer said that's not the case at all.

When people ask where he's from, O'Dwyer proudly tells them he's a Disburian.

"I tell them I'm from Didsbury because this is where I'm from, this is my home, this is where my child goes to school, this is where my wife works, this is where I work, it's my home," he said.

When people say, "well yeah, but you move around so much", he says that's true, but every time he leaves a community, a piece of him remains.

"You go back, you'll walk into a store and some lady will come up and give you a hug and they remember you from when you were there," he said.

"To me, that's what it's all about. To get that out of a job, that's great."

**"We don't want people who are power hungry, saying 'I'm going to have some ability to have something over somebody else. That's the last thing you want in a police force."**

SGT. KEVIN O'DWYER



Looking back at his own career and the number of people he's helped get out of a bad situation and turn their lives around, O'Dwyer says it's been very rewarding.

power and that I don't see because those types of people I think get weeded out in the recruitment process," he said.

"We don't want people who are power

they remember you from when you were there," he said.

"To me, that's what it's all about. To get that out of a job, that's great."



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## YOUR LETTERS

### Sad day for consumers

There is an immediate crisis in the liquor supply and distribution system in Alberta. The truth is that in the past several months, the big chain stores have cornered almost all of the liquor while most of the smaller city, town and rural stores have depleted liquor stocks which they cannot replace and are going broke in a big hurry.

The entire distribution system has, for almost 13 years, been in the hands of Connect Logistics – a private – for-profit company that was granted a monopoly for distribution for all of Alberta. There is no alternative supplier as in most other retail businesses. Connect Logistics was taken over last year by Exel – the parent company of DHL (formerly Loomis) and the distribution problems escalated immediately. Connect Logistics blames this whole mess on labour shortages and an increase in sales. Well we all have labour problems but we seem to solve them. And the Molsons and Labatts Beers from Brewers Distributors come week after week on time and in full. Connect also says that liquor sales are up but that is simply not true in most small stores that I know about. Our sales are down BIG TIME because of lack of stock. Shelves are bare. It is really STOCKPILEING that is up. Who has cornered the bulk of the liquor? The big stores and their warehouses.

Connect has a lopsided ordering and distribution system that basically does a terribly unjust and unequal job of distributing liquor. The liquor order week starts Fridays and all stores are allocated a specific order day. Big stores (many of whom get multiple order days) start ordering Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Smaller stores like mine have to wait until the following Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to order. There are NO limits on quantities ordered and no back orders. The majors buy up entire shipments which Connect has been warehousing for them at \$19 per pallet per month. Cheap. As a result of a lack of space, Connect had a HUGE backlog of trailers and containers that sat for weeks and months unloaded. Our stores have gone for months without major brands like Baileys, Smirnoff, Capt. Morgan, etc. simply because it is OUT OF STOCK by our "allocated" order day. If those brands are all gone by Wednesday, too bad try again next week. Wouldn't a real businessman make replacing those out of stocks his first priority?? In addition, all LTO'S (usually \$1 per bottle off) start on Fridays and run 2 weeks but most of those cases

are bought up in the first few days by the majors. The small guys get the crumbs or none at all. When big, major stores get pallets of Baileys, Smirnoff, Crown Royal etc. and we can't even get a single case, week after week after week, then something is really rotten in this distribution system.

The big chains are prepared to invest a lot of money for long time to "position themselves in the market". Their liquor stores are a short term write off against profits vs. cornering the liquor market for the entire province. Big stores are loaded to the hilt with liquor. The big stores actually have warehouses loaded right up with many products of which we been unable to get even a single case. They will actually sell us cases at 5-6% over wholesale markup. But why are we being forced to buy liquor to which we were (up until recently) entitled, from our competition. Isn't the government through the Liquor Board responsible for supplying the entire province?

The government as the AGLC (who should be governing all of this) is woefully absent and lacking in policy changes and immediate concrete solutions. They plan to "reassess the situation in the New Year", probably after Ed appoints a better minister to the portfolio. This escalated last summer and it's now the Christmas season. The Liquor Board has failed the smaller retailer miserably by not taking concrete action to end this unequal, abusive, favoritism system months ago. The liquor board apart from "seriously monitoring the situation" and canceling emergency orders, has yet to step in and impose some very basic rules to equalize distribution provincewide. Letting small stores order first, strictly

limiting basic quantities, and allowing back orders to have priority (as is done in most every other private business) would go a long way to returning retailers to the "level playing field" we were promised by the government at the start of privatization. People in authority have let this happen and must and should be held responsible and accountable. The ones we deal with won't reply to our letters, call or emails with anything other than a standard "everything's getting better" answer. By this time next year, most of us smaller retailers will be bankrupt. People will be forced to go a long way to shop in the few remaining big chain stores. More people will have to drive a long way to a big store as opposed to walking to their neighbourhood outlet for liquor. Big Stores are not interested in all the small places where stores exist now. Continually getting less than half of our orders week after week after week is killing us and costing the government a huge loss of revenue as well. In just 6 months, the people in charge have almost ruined a solid business that took us and our loyal employees, 13 years to build. They should immediately regain control of the wholesale level or we will all be out of business in no time. That will be a sad day for the Alberta and the consumer.

*Will Pacaryuk  
Carstairs*

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### Ward Value Drug Mart to Change Hands Store to remain a Value Drug Mart

Didsbury, AB – After 28 years Bill and Margo Ward, the long time owners of Ward Value Drug Mart, with great excitement and no small amount of sadness, have decided to retire and sell their store.

"We have proudly served the community of Didsbury since we moved here in 1978, but the time has come for a change," says Margo. "We are going to greatly miss the daily interactions with both our customers and our staff, who have been extremely loyal and supportive over the past 28 years; it is hard to say good-bye."

Bill and Margo have both been, and continue to be, active members in the community serving on many boards and committees over the past 28 years including Chamber Council, The Masons and the APHA. Bill is currently serving as the Grand Exalted Ruler for the Elks of Canada and has been traveling around the country for most of the year.

The Wards have been members of Value Drug Mart and Value Drug Mart Associates Ltd. since 1984 and have helped to grow the independent, grass-roots company into what it is today. Margo has served on the Board of Directors for five years helping to drive the direction of the company.

"Bill and Margo have been extremely loyal Value Drug Mart members over the past twenty-two years and we want to thank them for their dedication to the continued success of Value Drug Mart and Value Drug Mart Associates Ltd." says Al Hodgins, CEO of Value Drug Mart Associates Ltd. "We also want to thank them for their commitment to selling their store to Value Invest, ensuring it remains an independent for years to come."

"I would also like to congratulate Bill & Margo on your retirement and thank them for your longtime commitment to serving the community of Didsbury and its surrounding areas," says Hodgins.

Value Invest has acquired the assets of the store ensuring that the Value Drug Mart name will continue in Didsbury. It marks the beginning of new ownership and substantial renovations to the store.

Bill and Margo have been married for 36 years and have two sons, Patrick and David who both grew up in Didsbury. Bill and Margo will continue to live in Didsbury and support this great community they have helped to build and you will still see them behind the dispensary helping out the new owners for the next couple of months.

The new owners, Brad and Dionne Blatz, are excited to be moving to Didsbury. Both come from small town Alberta (Daysland and Hughenden, respectively) and feel that their small town backgrounds will make them an excellent fit in their new home.

"Ever since I worked at Daysland Value Drug Mart I realized what a quality organization Value Drug Mart is and that it is a valuable part of the community," says Brad, who graduated from the pharmacy program at the U of A in 2001. "The most exciting part for us is that we will be able to contribute to the community and serve the residents of Didsbury."

"We are very family and community oriented," echoes Dionne, who will manage the front store side of the store, after previous experience at Red Deer Value Drug Mart. "Our small town backgrounds have engrained in us the values and ideals that are an important part of living and working in rural Alberta."

"Maintaining the Value Drug Mart legacy in towns such as Didsbury is important to our organization," says Hodgins. "With Bill and Margo wanting to move to a new stage in their life, this was a perfect opportunity for Value Invest to become involved, retain the Value Drug Mart legacy, and give a young, entrepreneurial couple the opportunity to own their own store. We're looking forward to what the future holds for Value Drug Mart in this community."

"We're very excited about becoming members of this vibrant community and look forward to meeting and serving the residents of Didsbury," says Brad. "The practice of pharmacy must always be 'patient first' and I truly believe this is the cornerstone of my profession. Patients deserve to know that their pharmacy is there to help them in any way possible, so I'm looking forward to people coming in and checking us out."

# Lund loses 13-year cabinet seat

**Marz takes comfort in deputy speaker role**

BY DAN SINGLETON  
for the Review

After 13 years in cabinet, Sundre-area MLA Ty Lund is on the outside looking in this week after Premier Ed Stelmach announced his new cabinet.

Stelmach gave Innisfail-Sylvan Lake MLA Luke Ouellette Lund's Department of Infrastructure and

Transportation, and gave Lund no cabinet seat.

Lund, who has been Minister of Environment, Agriculture, Government Services, and most recently, Infrastructure and Transportation, reacted angrily to the Premier's decision to leave him out.

"I'm very disappointed to be booted out, get a slap in the face and booted

out," Lund said Friday.

"It looks to me like a Ralph Klein purge. I'm just so disappointed in the way the whole thing was handled, the way the whole thing unfolded. I was not talked to. As a matter of fact, I had to phone and find out if I needed to be there (Edmonton) today.

"It's so unprofessional that it is pathetic. It's going to reflect very badly on the Conservative government. All of us who were supporting Ralph and worked for Ralph are no longer in the inner circle."

Lund - who threw his support behind failed PC leadership candidate Jim Dinning only days before the Dec. 2 vote - was named as one of 12 MLAs who will sit on the Treasury Board.

Cabinet ministers make \$129,000 a year, compared with \$71,000 for MLAs.

Lund says now that he's out of government, residents in his riding will no longer have the same pull with the government regarding major projects.

"It will make a huge difference in the riding," he said. "For example, a lot of what we did at that school

try to make sure that it works, but I'm not impressed."

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz, who is deputy speaker of the House, was not appointed to a cabinet position.

"I didn't expect to be going to cabinet," said Marz, who also

backed Jim Dinning in the PC race. "I'm deputy speaker and I like that job. I'm still in the learning stages of it. I find it extremely interesting and I enjoy it. I would have had to give it a lot of thought to have given it up at this stage. It's not my call (being named to cabinet) so I do the best I can do."

Future plans for the riding are now up in the air, he said.

"I'm not in a position to move it forward," he said.

Asked if he is considering resigning as MLA, Lund said,

"No, unless the people in the constituency start to tell me that I should resign, I hadn't really contemplated that. I still want to see the Progressive Conservative government work. There is still so many good things that can happen in this province. I'll do my best to

back Jim Dinning in the PC race. "I'm deputy speaker and I like that job. I'm still in the learning stages of it. I find it extremely interesting and I enjoy it. I would have had to give it a lot of thought to have given it up at this stage. It's not my call (being named to cabinet) so I do the best I can do."

Marz applauded the appointment of George Groeneveld as Agriculture Minister.

"George has been a

farmer and rancher so he's

got experience in the field

and I'm sure he will do his

very best. He's a good

MLA. I have confidence in him," he said.

Premier Stelmach, who reduced the number of cabinet positions from 24 to 18, said, "I expect each cabinet minister to be out

from behind their desks, listening to what is truly important for their ministries. The people of this province told me they wanted more effective government, not more of it."

"This talented team of experienced and new members has strong representation from across the province. We'll be getting down to work immediately to ensure we deliver solid results in the areas that matter most to Albertans."

The opposition Liberals said the new Stelmach cabinet appears to be more about rewarding the MLAs who backed him in his leadership quest than conducting good government.

"Everyone of the seven MLAs who initially backed Stelmach's leadership run, including five with no cabinet experience and none with a connection to Alberta's larger cities, were given plum appointments," said Liberal leader Kevin Taft. "In other words, political perks beat out legislative performance."

The new cabinet has only two women and no visible minorities, something Taft calls wholly unacceptable.

"It's also disappointing that this cabinet is not truly representative of Alberta or Albertans, despite the Premier's promise to represent everyone," he said.



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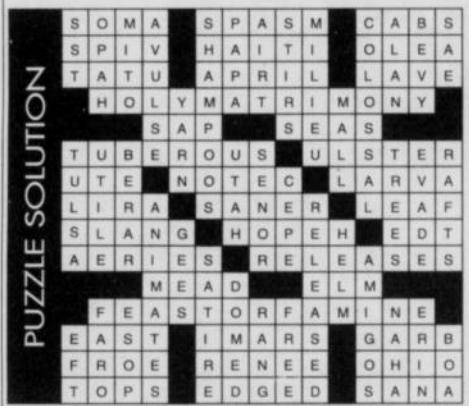
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# SPORTS

## For the 'Love' of basketball

Youth basketball clinic comes to area

BY PAUL FREY  
for the Review

The shooting coach for the University of Calgary Dinos will be making a stop at Olds College in the new year, helping area student athletes gain more confidence in their shooting techniques on the hardwood.

Dave Love will be in town to impart some of the knowledge he's gained over the past six years working with high school and college athletes. He'll be teaching a technique he learned from Chip Engelland, shooting coach to the San Antonio Spurs of the NBA.

The objective of the sessions on January 14 – which are open to both junior and senior high school boys and girls – will be to give players the tools they need to sink more shots.

Love will be demonstrating how to generate the power needed to make shots and not just get to the rim. Topics such as footwork, shooting off the dribble and proper free-throw technique will all be discussed during the four two-hour sessions begin-

ning at 9 a.m.

Love said he hopes to clarify for players what makes them successful as well as give them pointers on how they can improve their shooting.

**"Their knowledge of what it takes to be successful and their habits that make them successful and their habits that might be hindering them."**

DALE LOVE  
U of C shooting coach

of the men's and women's basketball teams at the U of C, Love has also been a private instructor for college and university-level athletes for the four years preceding that, helping out some 30 individual players take their shooting to the next level. He has also worked with numerous club, school and community teams across the province to improve their shooting skills.

## Rambler Minute

### Tyke time

The Didsbury Tykes #1 team hosted the Chestermere Lakers in an exhibition game in Didsbury on Saturday afternoon.

With three players missing from the lineup, Didsbury would only be able to ice seven skaters and a goalie.

The boys would not be denied though, and realized that they had all Christmas break to recover.

Didsbury hemmed Chestermere in there own end all game and held it not been for some key saves by the Lakers goalie, it could have gotten ugly.

The final score was Didsbury 10 – Chestermere 3.

Goal scorers for

Didsbury were Hunter Nelson, Jett Laveck, Koby Brander, Brodie Dunn, Erran Thompson and Jaedan Miller.

Assists went to Jett Laveck, Erran Thompson, Taylor Gingell, Corson Waiting, Koby Brander and Jaedan Miller.

The game Trooper helmet was awarded to Corson Waiting who, if not for some stellar goal tending, would have lit up the red light numerous times.

Next home action sees Didsbury take on its arch nemesis, Didsbury Tyke #2 on Sunday, January 7,

2007 at 10:15 am. Come on out and cheer on your local heroes.

The Didsbury Novice team faced Olds #4 again on Saturday.

It was another tough game. The Ramblers worked hard and kept the score a little closer than the last time they played Olds.

Graysen Cameron made some great saves.

The game ended with an 8-2 win for Olds.

The Novice team is off now for the Christmas break. Their next game will be on January 6th.

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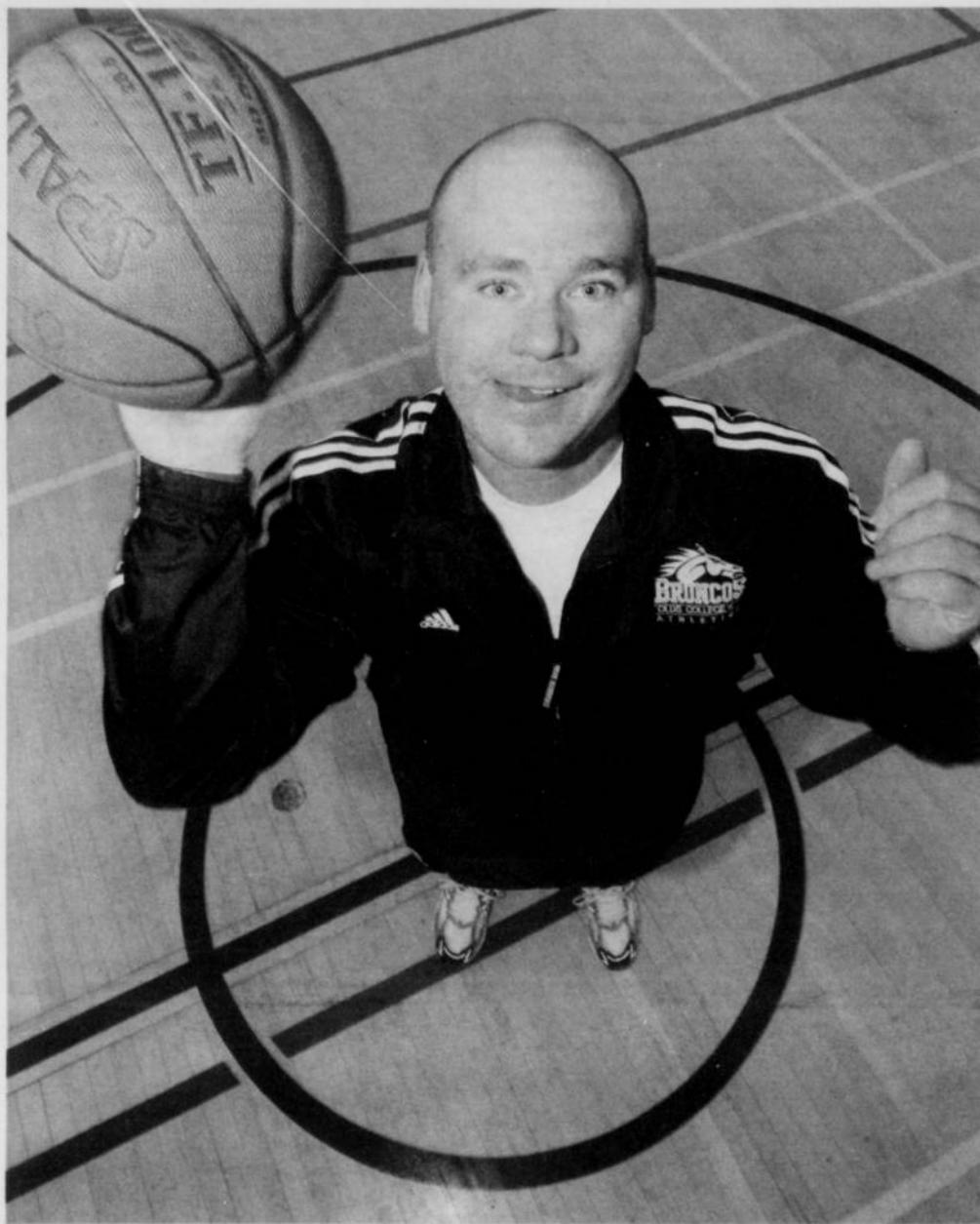
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# SPORTS



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**SPIN DOCTOR** - Greg Lendvay, director of health and wellness services at Olds College, puts a spin on a basketball at the college gym. Lendvay is starting elite club basketball teams for students in Grades 6 to 12. Call 556-4703 for more information.

## Elite basketball team under development

BY STEPHANIE MYLES  
*Olds Albertan*

NBA hopefuls in the region will have one more chance to shine as part of a club basketball program starting up in the new year.

Junior Broncos Club Basketball is looking for interested coaches, parents and players to compete against other club teams in Alberta.

"It's for people that do and want to play at an elite level after their high school season is done," said Greg Lendvay, program organizer and director of health and wellness services at Olds College.

Lendvay said he hopes to form six teams - three men,

three women - of basketball players in the region in Grades 6 to 12. The Junior Broncos will compete in tournaments throughout the province, including Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer.

The club basketball season will start after the school basketball season ends to allow the region's best athletes the chance to participate in what Lendvay calls a "very short, very intense blast" of competition.

Lendvay said this area needs to catch up with the rest of Alberta when it comes to club basketball.

"This particular area is one of the weakest in terms of club systems around, although Alberta as a province is one of the strongest in Canada."

He's extending an open invitation to anyone interested in helping out.

"We just basically have to have kids that are interested, parents that are interested, put some funding together and get ready to go," he said, adding that he's already had discussions with potential coaches and initial feedback shows young basketball players will be interested.

The club teams will practice during the week and play on weekends. Lendvay said there will be tryouts and a user fee to be able to play.

He said he thinks club basketball will grow enough in the area to host a 40-team tournament and take a road trip to the U.S.A. in its second year.

## Colts battling for first place in Central division

BY BARRY WILLIAMS  
*Didsbury Review*

A first place battle between the Airdrie Thunder and the Mountain View Colts is shaping up in the Central division of the Heritage Junior B Hockey League.

As of Dec. 17, the two teams are separated by a single point and they are scheduled to play on Friday, Dec. 22 in Airdrie.

Latest statistics released by the league indicate the Thunder have accumulated 31 points, while the Colts have 30 points in the Central division.

Just four points behind the Colts with 26 are the Cochrane Generals, while the Three Hills Thrashers are in 4th place with 18 points. At the bottom of the stand-

ings with 13 points are the Banff Academy Bears.

In league action played on Friday, Dec. 15, in Cochrane, the Colts and the Generals were not in the Christmas spirit as they were playing Scrooge in the goal scoring department. When the final buzzer sounded, the Colts wished the Generals a Merry Christmas with a hard fought 2-1 victory.

Stealing the show in the game were two masked men as Generals' netminder James Marier and Colts goalie Evan Miller were spectacular between the pipes.

With both teams having an explosive offensive threat, the sharpshooters were frustrated as Miller and Marier made sev-

eral sensational saves during the contest. Miller finished the game with 35 saves while Marier turned aside 32 shots.

All three goals in the contest were scored even strength as Mike Arnold and Ian Brander blinked the red light for the Colts, while David Sissons dented the twine for the Generals.

Playing in Didsbury on Sat. Dec. 16, the Colts galloped to a convincing 8-2 victory over the Three Hills Thrashers.

In the first period, the Colts exploded for three unanswered power play goals as Pat Turville, Ryan Miller and Jeff Clazie blinked the red light.

After forty minutes of play, the Colts increased their margin to 6-1 as Justin Duncalfe, Mike Arnold and Ian Brander

dented the twine behind Thrashers' netminder, Keelen Stefaniuk. Kevin Koustrip replied for the Thrashers with a late period goal.

After Ivan Vandenberg scored for the Thrashers early in the final stanza, the Colts responded with a pair of unanswered goals off the sticks of Ian Brander and Dustin Duncalfe.

After the fourth goal by the Colts, the Thrashers made a goaltending change sending in Coulter Haugen. Stefaniuk and Haugen combined to make 58 saves, while Kris Jackson handled 32 shots between the pipes for the Colts.

With the wins, the Colts have recorded 15 wins against just 6 losses in 21 games played in the current season.



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Have a Merry Christmas  
Love Jessica WhiDDenIA

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my Baby BraT. I like themalot Please bring my dad a Fishing rod. I would like a doLand Please bring Love for thre world. How are reindeer?

Have a Merry Christmas  
Love JeweL Stewrt 1A.

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my car. Please bring my dad a Silver Tool box and mom a SKidoo. I would like a dog and a Cat. Please bring peace for the world. What is your favorite toy?

Have a Merry Christmas  
Love NathaN Thompson  
1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my pyjamas. I like them alot. Please bring my mom a sweater. I would like a stockiNG. I want a ToytrycK. I want Pjammas. I want a Toy monster truck. I want a toy race car and a gamecube. I want ant a rock n boke controller. Please bring happiness. Are the elves busy? Have a Merry Christmas Love Logan Rutley

1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my truk. Pleas brng my brother a science Kit and Pleas bring me an I-dog and I-cat and I Fish. Please bring peace for the world.

How are the reindeer?  
Love Ben G 1A

Dear Santa Claus

I would like a doll and tPeoe. Please bring joy for the world. How are the reindeer? Are the elves busy? Have a Merry Christus

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my Doll. Please bring my dad Tools. I would like a Baby Brat Doll. I would like clothes. I would like a Doll. I would like a Nekalis. I would like a cooke. Please bring Peace for the world. How are the reindeer? How do the reindeer fly? Have a Merry Christmas Love Emily Johnston

A1

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for a bar of SOP. Please bring my friend a cookie. I would like a Bratz Doll. I would like a Nekalis. I would like earrings. Please bring JoY for the world. How are the reindeer? How do the reindeer fly? Alicia

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my bear. Please bring my brother a back yordagens moove. I would like BrateZ. I would like a Barbea. I would like soum flow. I would like butrskoush Pouy. I would like a Baby Brata. I would like a Kiyte. I would like a santa Toy. Please bring Joy for The world. How is the weather? How Do the reindeer fly? Have a merry Chistmas

Love sarah Nowlan

1A

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my Darth vader vois Changer. Please bring my brother a peachoo toy. I would like a force Sx lit saber. I would like a bedamon. Please bring joy for the World. How are the reindeer?

Have a Merry Christmas  
Love Robert Connors 1A.

Dear Santa Clause

Thank you for my modiltrain. Please bring my dad a bord gaim. I would like a knight. I would like magnets. Please bring joY for the world. How are the reindeer? Are the elves busy?

Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love Liam Rudledge  
1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for shellishock. Please bring my dad fishing stuff. I would like magnetics. I would like a littlest pet shop. Please bring peace for the world. Do you like living in the cold?

Taiten

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A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my cooke. Ples bring my dad an ax. I would like a LegO train and an idog. Please bring joy joy for the world. How are the reindeer? Are the elves busy?

Have a Merry Christmas Love  
Taylor Gingell

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my Prsusdol. Please bring my mom Teddybear.

I would like a doll and tPeoe. Please bring joy for the world. How are the reindeer? Are the elves busy? Have a Merry Christus

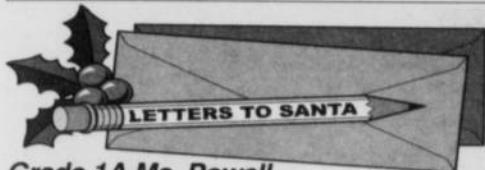
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Have a Merry Christmas Love  
MeLiSSa Busby  
1A

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for boots. Please bring my mom Pyamas. I would like fury boots. Please bring peace for the worl. How are the rindeer?

Have a Merry Christmas  
Love  
Maddy.  
Walker

Dear Santa Claus

Thankyou for my not. Pleas bring my grandpa a fishing box. I would like a dvd player. I would like a BrNat. Please bring Joy for the wold. How are the reindeer? Have a Merry christmas

Love  
Corvus Horts  
IA

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my cat. Pleaes bring my mom a horse. I would like flome. I would like a dog. please bring Love for the world.

Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love CASSIDY  
SmiTh 1A

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my Bratz. Please bring my cousin a Bratz. I would like a nodr bratz. Please bring my cousin a tV. What is your favorite food? Have a Merry Chistms.

Love maria lemon 1A.

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my cat. Please bring my cat a toy mouse.



I would like a Butter Scotch Pony.

Please bring love for the world. What is your favorit food? Wat is your peesa-Have a Mery Christmas

Love  
Ivorie A1

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my gorilaattack. Please bring my mom a ring. I would like no boinsect. Pleasease bring joy for the world. How do the reindeer fly? Have a Merry Christmas

Love Makale Soederhuysen  
IA

Dear Santa Clau

Thank you for my Pyjamas. I like them alot. Please bring my grandma a dog. I would like cat bowl. I would like Nitendo. Please bring peace for the world. Are the elves busy? Have a Merry Christmas

Love Kain Boyd.

Dear Santa

Thank-you for my Bratz Dol. Please bring oklRic a toy horse. Please bring me a Star for unbr the tre and a real computer. Please bring Joy for the world. How come you have so many elves?

Have a Merry Christmas to all of you.  
Love Desirae. Al Arbuckle

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my light.

Please bring my Mom a key chain. I would like Dora. I would like a whiteboard. Please bring joy for the world. How are the reindeer?

Have a Merry christmas. Love Kassie Miller-Snyder 1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my Pyjamas. I like them a lot.

Please bring my mom a sweater. I would like spaceship. Please bring Joy for the world. Do you like living in the cold? Have a Merry Christmas

Love RiLey MolaAnDer 1A.

### *A Christmas Message from Rev. Nancy Nourse*

Knox United Church in Didsbury (1406 19th Ave.) wishes everyone many blessings this holiday season. This is the time of year when we are both celebrating all we are grateful for in our lives and recalling memories of the year that has passed. It is a time to journey in the light of God – light that shines in our hearts, in the ways we share time and treasures with our family, friends and neighbours, and in ways we give to those who are less fortunate. Advent – the four weeks leading up to Christmas – is filled with the lights of trees and the sounds of carolers. Yet it is also the time of year where the days are short and the nights are dark and long. It is a painful time for those who have lost loved ones, or for those who are suffering broken relationships, ill health or the insecurity of unemployment. How appropriate, then, that the birth of Christ, the celebration of Christmas light, the coming of the One who brings good news is only a few days after this darkest day; we can trust that the days will lengthen through all the joys and challenges of life. Our prayers extend to everyone during this Christmas time. If you would like information about these or other gatherings in our congregation, please call the church at 335-83373.

We hope you can join us for one of our Christmas Services

Sunday, Dec. 24, 10:00 a.m. Preparing for Baby Jesus

Sunday, Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. Celebration of Christmas

Songs and Stories

Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:00 p.m. Candle Light and

Communion

Sunday, Dec. 31, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship –

The Story of Christmas

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1C/2D students from Ross Ford School**

Dear Santa How are you? How is Rudolph? I am in grade two. I like Gym. Please bring me a toomogochi. Please bring my brother an X Box. Please bring the world kindness. Thank you!

Love Ashley Berry

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? Is Rudolph real? I am in grade two. I like gym. Please bring me a porcelain doll. Please bring my teacher some gold jewelry. Please bring the world air. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy New Year! Thank you!

Love Rylee Brander

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I am in grade two. I like science. Please bring me an X-box. Please bring my sister a nintendos. Please bring the world respect. Merry Christmas! Thank you.

Love Brayden Harper

Dear Santa. How is Rudolph? I am in grade 2. I like Concert Practice. Please bring me a cool Hat. Please bring my family a new van. Please bring my teacher a cook book. Please bring the world clean water.

Love Makenna Budd

Dear Santa How are you? How is Rudolph? I am in grade 1. Please bring me a Black real live PuPPy. I Like School. Please bring my family Christmas lights that are Colorful. Please bring The World Clean Water. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love Kayla Fischer

Dear Santa Haw are your reindeer? Santa I Love you! I Love School Santa! I am in grude one. Please bring me a real live black kitten. Please bring my mom perfume. Please bring my dad a new toolbox. Please bring the world Clean water and Food. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus. Love Hollie McGregor

Dear Santa How are you? How's Rudolph? Please bring me a d xbox. Please bring my sister new shoes. Please bring my mrother a yellow duck. Plese bring the world love.

Thank you. Merry Christmas  
Jaedan Miller

Dear Santa claus, How are you? How are your reindeer? I am in grade 2 I like music. Please bring me a techno dog. Please bring my brother a techno dog. Please bring the world love. Merry Christmas.

Love Parker Neufeld

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Rudolph? I am in grade 1. I like computers. Please bring me candy canes. Please bring my family a Puppy a white one. Please bring the World toy's for All Kid's. Merry christmas Santa! Happy New Year! Thank You

Love Haley

Dear Santa Claus How are you? How are Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? I am in grade one. I like gym. Please bring me a cell phone. Please bring my teacher apple. Please bring themkindness. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy New Year!

Love Zoe Paine

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? How is Rudolph? I am in grade 1. I like math. Please bring me a daddy dog. Please bring me a

mommy dog. Please bring my Dad a cat. Please bring the world hope X-box. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy new Year!

Love Laine Rothenbusch

Dear Santa How are you? How do your reindeer fly and how does Rudolph's nose glow? I am in grade 2. I like snack and math. Please bring me an X-box. Please bring my Dad a clock. Please bring the world joy. Merry Christmas!

Love Anna Wassmer

Dear Santa Claus Why does Rudolph have a red nose? I am in grade two. I like snack and music. Please bring me a new wekinz. Please bring my brother a truck. Please bring the world peace. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love Emilie Winter

Dear Santa How is Rudolph? I am in grade 1. I like Center S. Please bring me a webkinz. Please bring my dad some tools. Plaeyse bring the World Joy. Merry Chmastmas

Jade Watson

Dear Santa. How are you? How is Rudolph? I am in grade 1. I like Computers. Please bring me a white and black cat.

Please bring my dad siding to put on houses and a jokebook. Please bring the world safety. Thank you. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy New Year

Blake Miller

Dear Santa How are you? is Rudolph Recal? Please bring me a Go DyAgOGoReS Sqoo Sentr. Please bring the world respect. Thank you. Love Michael Fawns

Dear santa How are you? How is Rudolph? I am a grade 1. I like all the fun things. Please bring me a Dinosaur set. Please bring my two cats a cat tow with a mouse on it. Please bring the world some new fish. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy New Year!

Love Tyler May

Dear Santa claus Hou are you? I am in Grade 1. I like ceintors. Please bring me Madagascar 2 and the hippo game that chomps off the xruits. Please bring my mommy a cookbook. Please bring the World clean water. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy New Year.

Love Graham Wrigley

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# Letters To Santa

## Letters to Santa From Ross Ford 1B

Due Santu thac you for the megnetics you giv me lastyr. Cod you brng me xbox. cod youngingmrd a harle modrbi. bring medicin for por pipl. halwes roodof. dont forget to stop at mihus.

Michael Sissons

Der Satu Then four The borbs you giv me last yr. Thisyr cen you giv My bruthr a fish. Ken you giv Me a webein plese. bring the poor peopl medsin. satu hado do yor radr fly. See you latr.

Shaylen Fortner

Der satu thek you Forthe BrBehaus you got me Last yer. I wod like a Brats rom thisyer please.

Satu cod you Brig my mom A red Dres please. Satu codd you brig the world A jrig uf wotr plees. Haw is roodof. have a good trip.

Elizabeth Zyderveld

Dir Santu Thi you Fou Thi hors you gave me lasyir. please ken you giv me a big polpotk can you blningk me a webkinz. please. can you bring my

mom some mune. Santu can you bring the pr people Food. is roodof oka. Please came to mi hose.

Hailey Kaupp

Dear Santa Ihak u for the prsts las yuor. This yer can you brin Me a brats bebe. please brig Mi Mom a rng. please breg The por pepl sum moneey. how boo you fli. dot forget my haws. From Randelle Johnson

Der Satu thakyou four the prdintz you gif me las uir. plesu can u gif me a Babeu Liv. Ken you get my mom a jnes. cen you gif the por pepol prdintz. how do raders flia? hav a god trep.

Megan Hanson

Der saatau thayc you for the prasatz you gyav me bsyer. ples can you bing me a deem banbee. can you bing mi buthr sum cares. saticos can you pees bing meusin for the porpeopl. houw is roodof feeling? dont for get to go to mi hous.

Khyla Power

Due Santu Thac you for the shrptoth you gav me last yer. this yer wud you brin me a Fas tocin litinig mcueen. cud you brin

me a Webkin, a white and black rabbit Webkin. Cod you bring My Mommy a pict fram! Plese bring the World Medesn. hauw is roodof? dot for git to go to my home.

Alexa Arthurs-Thompson

Der Satu thastxh four the cismis arch you gave me lastuer. this yer will you gave me a xdox this yer. can you bring my Dad a tagemesure please. can you gbring my sisder the muove uv cars. can you bring my mom a reeing please. bring the world a huss please. houw do rander fly.

Kaelan Epp

Der Satu thac you for the shrptoth you gav me last yer. this yer wud you brin me a Fas tocin litinig mcueen. cud you brin

MrD a horley modrdi. cud you pet por peple medsin. statu hado mush rander. do you hav. dot frget my heeos.

Dylan Hasselberg

Der Satu Thak you four the scodr you gave me last year. This year well you giv me a video game. This year could you please bring my mom a fireplas. coulb you bring Mr. D a moderbic. This year coulb you bring the poor pepl some medsin. Houw dow you flis have a good chirp.

Mason Mailer

Dler Sota Thak you for the presenst you gav me last yer. This yer kud upi gev liting mcueens movee. Can you gev me mum\_a clock, can you geve the por peopoe vtmes. wut cind a cucees dwo yov luk. see you at crismis.

Simon Kreiser

Der Sata Thak you for the poler iksperess dvd you gave me last yer. This yer will you give me the cars dvd. please will you giv my sister a tedeo baer. please will you giv the poor peopl a housis. wat is yor faverit cooce. have a mery chrimis.

Caleb Schindel

Der Sant Ses you For the Dora huos you gav me lasirt ler. Der Sant can you Please Giv Me a brbie dl Dis ler. Sant can you bin my mom a musk box. Sant can you bin the pr pepl sum medsin for the sik. is Wioffd GID. Hav a sef Srip.

Destiney Hunt



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## Christmas message from Richard & Jan Marz

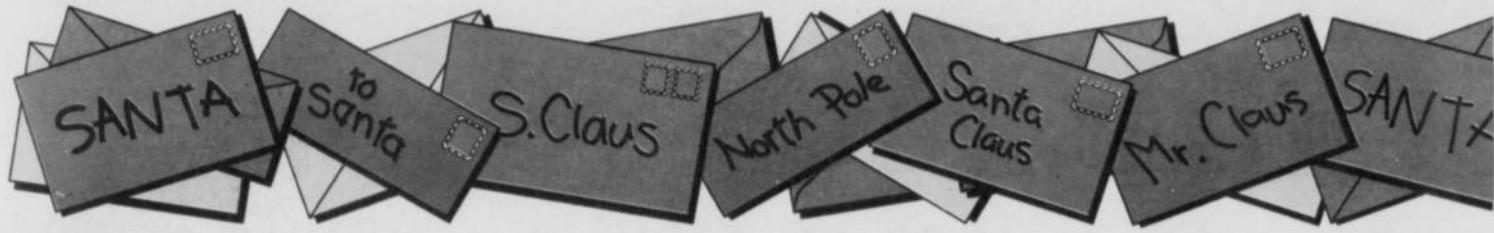
All over the world  
Let kindness come with every gift,  
And good desires with every greeting.  
Teach us to refrain from evil,  
And pursue life with trust  
and honesty.  
On Christmas Day  
Allow us to be with friends  
and family.  
On Christmas evening  
Bring us to our beds,  
With grateful thoughts  
Forgiving and forgiven.

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Richard Marz,  
MLA  
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## Letters to Santa From Ross Ford 1B

Dear Santelos, thank you for the mister strech you gav me last yer. this yer coud you please bring me a fast tocing litting McQween. Santa coud you please bring Mr. D a modrbic. snta coud you plase bring me mom a new ring. canta can you please bring the por peple sum medesin. Santa I wud like to no hou is rudoof? have a saf trip.

Karson Dussault

Dear Santa Thak you for the julyary Box you gave me last year. This year coud you bring me a webkins please. Coud you please bring my brothur the movie cars. this year could you please bring my sister some new toys. santa could you bring the peple some hoses. how do your ranedear fl. don't for get to come to my hose.

Teagan Christianson

Der Santu Thac you for The swetr you pay me last yer. this yer can you please Bring me a toy chrcu. Sahtuctos thsi yer can you Bring Isaac a rumot cntrol car. This yer can you please Bring the african pepl sum watr. Santu is roodoff feeling pood? poobbiye.

Dawson Matchullis

Der Sadu Thac you for the Kortrac you gave me last yer. This yer coud you brin me one webkin. cond yun please brin min mom a noo camra. cond yon please drim The world medsin. cond yon please brin

Dawson a rmewolit. hav a saf rip.  
Isaac Brazzale

Duer Santu thc you for the xbox you gav me last yer. this yer can you give me a webcin. sante can you please give Mr. D a moderbic. can you bring the por people sum medsin. hou is roodoff. have a nis chirp.

Nathan Osterdal

Der Santu Thac you four The blea blead you gav me last yer. This yer coud you please give me a meap wrf and sum lago nbadx. This yer coud you ples piv Mr. D. a map nit. Santu This yer coud ples piv ml mum a camru. Cud you Please give The

Por PyPI Sum Clyn wodr. Is Ruwdff duwing gd? Hav a gd trig.

Tyson King

Dir Santu Thic you four the CDplar you gav me last yer. Iis yer coud yu get me a gamboe. cudyu bin mi mum a new vacum clelr. Cud you bring The wrd lots of food. How is Roodolf? Merry Christmas  
love from Chase Anderson

Der Santa Claus Thank yu for mi tran.  
Plez bring mum a butifl ring. Plez bring me

a fast hotwels car. Ples bring the wrld wotr. How is Rudolf doing?

Merry Christmas from Brett Coates

Der santa thanc yuooo for the minee dog you gadv me Last year. I wud Luc a Bj vis yeeyr. I wud Luc a puLee pocit vis yeeyr. I wud Luc a Book pleas. giv my mom a book wud you giv the pur peopl a tot hbress. Haw ild is roodof. Ily see you lader Santa

Lauren Ward



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### Letters to Santa Grade 2A

Dear Santa

I have been good this year. How are you? I would really like Barbie and the Twelve Dancing Princesses. I hope you have a good trip Santa.

your truly  
Jade

Dear Santa

I have been trying my best to be good this year and I would like a bionicle named Vezon and its Pet Fenrak.

yours truly Ashton.

Dear Santa,

My name is Trey. I am seven years old. I have good news. I have bin

good this year. I want a X box game. I wish I could go to the north pole. I wonder what it is like there. I want a new Synergy. I would like to see a lot of Elves that could clean up my shop and my home and forest. Use Rudolf to make light in the night

By Santa  
Trey

Dear Sant

My name is Mitchell. I have been caring and kind. I help my mom with chores. I like Rudolph and his friends. Can you bring me a game boy for Christmas. have a safe ride.

Love Mitchell

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I want a game cube 63, the movie called Ice Age 2 and I would want a Christmas train set please.

My brother needs 2 squeaky shoes please.

My MOM and DAD would like a new alarm please. Thank you very much.

Love NOAH Hickok

Dear Santa

I have been good. Please bring me an x-box 360. My DaD needs a new winter coat please.

thank you fom Dwayne montgomery.

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor. I have been caring and kind. I help my mom do chores. I like Rudolph's shining red noes and all the other reindeer. How are thy doing? For Christmas I wold like a MP 3 player.

How dus your reindeer fly. Rudolph is the coolest reindeer I ever new about. How cold can it get up there?

Yours truly,  
Taylor.

Dear Santa

Hi My name is destiny. I am 7 ye old this year. I wont lotsse of Art stuff. I hipped My mom aroune the house.

Have a safe journey  
your truly  
Destiny

Dear Santa

My name is TASHA. I have been caring and kind. I help my mom with chores. I really like Rudolph and your reindeer.

I wath pretty ponies  
Lof TASHA

Dear Santa

I have Been good this year. How is Mrs. Claus. Plause giv me luc to find my ds game. Oh and can I have a i-dog.

Love,  
Keegan



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**From:**

**Dr. Kenneth J McCracken  
Dr. Ed Williamson  
Dr. Mangat & staff**

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The  
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Joanne & Staff

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## Letters To Santa

How is mrs. caus.  
yours truly,  
Jeromy

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bryan. I help my mom with chores. I really like Rudolph because he has a red nose. I would love a Remote Control Dog. Have a safe journey. yours truly  
Bryan

Dear Santa  
My name is Jade. I have been caring and kind I help my mom with chores. I want a 12 Dancing Princesses and Barbie 3 Story Dream house  
Jade

Dear Santa  
I Love you Santa.  
I love a littlest pet shop and littlest pet shop toys and blocks. Have fun yours truly  
Shae

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jordan. I have been caring and kind. I help my mom with chores. I really like Rudolph and your other reindeers. How are they doing? For Christmas I would love a Game Boy. You can pick the rest. Have a safe journey.  
your truly,  
Jordan

Dear Santa  
My name is zara beth morrison I have been nysse and not bad I bin vary vary vary good. I clean mom's and Dad's room and my room and my Bruther's room. I will give you apreint on crismis ev. I t will Be a spriz you are the Best. I like you Santa and mrs claus. I want the Littlest pet Shop.  
love zara

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aimee. I have been caring and kind. I help my mom with chores.  
I really like Rudolph and your reindeer. How are they doing?  
For Christmas, I would love a Game Boy. That would be great!  
Have a safe journey.  
Yours truly,  
Aimee

Dear Santa  
My Name is Jasmine. I have been very kind and considerate. I help empty Paprikas fish tank every week.  
I really like your reindeer. On Christmas I will leave your reindeer some carrots.  
For Christmas can I have a book.  
Yours truly,  
Jasmine

Dear Santa,  
I have been caring and helpful. I like you Santa. How is Mrs. Clause doing?  
For Christmas I would love a Sonic riders Xbox game.  
Have a safe trip  
Love,  
Dylan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jeromy. I have been kind and caring. I help my MoM with chores. I would like a ipod music and a idog.

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**Sunday, December 24, 7:00 PM**  
**Celebration of Christmas Songs and Stories**

**Sunday, December 24, 9:00 PM**  
**Candle Light and Communion**

**Sunday, December 31, 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday Worship - The Story of Christmas**

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day Service – 10:30 a.m.  
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### Christmas Helpers gift wrap

Thursday, Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Zion Church

### Christmas Hampers food packing

Dec. 22, 10:00 a.m.  
Zion Church

### Community Christmas Dinner

Elks Hall  
Christmas Day, 1:00 p.m.  
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### Berghal Mennonite Church

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Special Christmas Program by the choir and Sunday School, Sunday, Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, Sunday, Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day Service, Monday, Dec. 25, 11:00 a.m.



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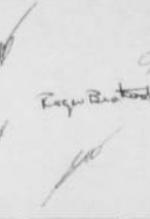
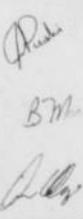


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## North Pole

**Class: 2C Mrs.  
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Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph?  
Christmas is coming. I wonder what you are bringing me.

I want a tomagichev I hope that you come to my new house. Merry Christmaas.  
love Caleb.

Dear Sant  
I want a roboraptor for Christmas  
How is Rudolf and how is your other reindeer

Merry Christmas love Justice

Dear Santa,  
What you'll bring to me. I would like to have Littlest pet shops and I would like to have for Real friend snow Tiger and Fruity Juice for Christmas And I wish you a Merry Christmas to you

I hop you bring me What I would like to have.

How is Rudolph doing?

I hope he's ok. If you can please Tell me about Rudolf on my letter your sending please and how are you because your so nice

Merry Christmas

Santa  
your Little friend  
Kathrin

Dear Santa  
Can You Pleas give Me a

PlayStation? I Woub like to give You a Present too What Woub you like?

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Love Chase

Dear Sant,  
can I have a Game Boy Please? How is Rudolf? Is Mrs. Claus good? I love you. How is Frosty? Can you Please make my theeth come out? Happy Christmas. from Garrett.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing in the North Pole today?

How are the elves doing? Santa is the best in the world! I really really want my playful horse. It will make me happy. Say hello to the reindeers for me. How is Frosty the Snowman doing. Love Caitlin

Dear Sant  
I really want a flashy belt for Christmas. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? Have fun on Christmas night! I hope you can find me in Hawaii!

love  
Josie.

Dear Santa,  
I wonder how much it snows. What I really want is a furreal cat. How are the reindeer. Thank you for the

Barbie house. How is Mrs. Clous? merry cristmas!  
love Maia.

Dear Santa.  
How are you doing? Santa are your reindeer ok?

How are your elfs doing? They have alot to do to get ready for Christmas. Please can you get a gamedoy for me?

Luve Jonah  
Ho Ho Ho

Dear Santa,  
How are you Doing? How are your reindeer Doing?

your elves must be working hard. Please get a game boy fu Jonah because He really needs somothing like that because He allwase wonts to play mine. This is what I want. Can you please get me umbrae

Happy Hloladays  
love Justin

Dear Santa  
I want a game boy Avents for CHRistmAs PLeSe How Are YouR reindeer?

Do You really Have eLVes?  
Do your reindeer Rally fLY?

I like you Santa How is mrs. claus? thank you Santa from the toys from lastyear.  
Love  
BRenNaN tippe.  
to santa and mrs claus and the reindeer.

Dear Santa  
How is Rudolf doing?  
Santa how is Mrs. Claus? We might not Put up a Christmas tree. Santa can I have a picture of Rudolf please. Santa, please can I have a WebKin.

love Mitchell

Dear Santa.

Will you please get me all the littlest petshop. how is mrs. claus? How big is rudolf? I hope you will get me a lot of thing this christmas. Thank hyou for the presents from last year. How much snow do you ger?

How do the reindeers fly?  
Do you have a dog or a cat?

merry Christmas Love  
your friend  
BiaNca

Dear Santa,  
I want a For Real Friends cat. How is Rudolf and how are your elves. Say hit to Rudolf for me. Say hi to Mr. Clous.

Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love Natasha

Dear Santa How is Rudolf?  
I hope he's ok Santa, all I want for Christmas is Nick Toons Unite. Its a new video game. How are you and Mrs. Claus. I HoPe you're ok.

From Ben

Dear Santa, All I ant for ChRismas is a picture of Rudolf. How is the North Pole?

How is Rudolf?

This is what I want for CHRistmas, a Game Boyt DS.

I love you Santa.

From Chase Sheenan

Dear Santa,  
Can I Please have Slycooper2? How is Mrs. Clause?

How are the elfs? How are the reindeers? How are you? Have the elves been woking hard?

from PATRICK

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf doing?  
I hope he is feeling good. Can you get me a big monster truck or a car? If you come to my hous what can I give to you?

Love, Darwin

Dear Santa,  
Santa. Please I want a pogo stick. How is Rudolf, the red nose reindeer. Do the other reindeer make fun of him any more?

How is Mrs. Claus? How big is Rudolf? How many elves do you have? My dogs say Hi! So do I. Merry Christmas!

love Shandra

Dear Santa,  
Can you say hello to Rudolf? I love you Santa. Can I please have a tooth? I lost mine!

Happy Holidays!  
Love,  
Korbyn

Dear Santa  
How is Rudolf the red nose reindeer? Dear Santa how are you. Dear Santa How is The elves. Dear Santa I want a Cars Game Board.  
love Dakota

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wrapped in strings

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empty things

Just a chance that maybe  
we'll find better days

So take these words  
And sing out loud  
Cuz everyone is forgiven  
now

Cuz tonight's the night  
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With all that is happening

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Whatever is meaningful,

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in our world right now, "better days" is a huge wish. It is much like John Lennon's wish in his "So this is Christmas" song that we all would desire peace. At Christmas time we hear messages of family, charity, giving, caring and hope. But this is not the situation of the majority of our world. Everyday we hear of people who are mired in war, destructive family situations, hurtful relationships and their lives are being consumed by a hectic pace.

But that is what makes the Christmas story even more relevant. The birth of this tiny baby some 2,000 years ago was like a stone on the surface of a still river. A seemingly isolated event, but the ripples from that one event spread out and carry on forever (thanks Bruce Coburn). It was that event that can still impact us today and give us hope for Better Days.

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Colin Creighton

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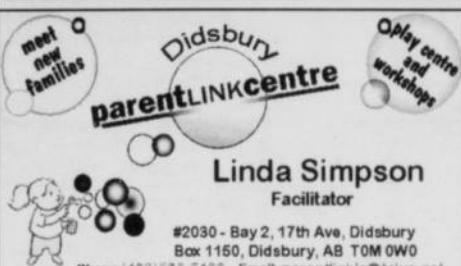
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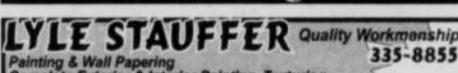
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Christine Little, Children's Ministries Director

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**SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

# Colts alumni coming home

The Colts Alumni Association will be hosting an alumni game on December 29, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Didsbury Memorial Arena.

The game is an annual event started over 10 years ago to enable past players, coaches, management and fans a chance to get together for a night of fun and comradery.

The game showcases former players who at one time played for the Colts

hockey club either in Carstairs or for the Mountain View Colts.

The Colts hockey team has provided an opportunity for local players to keep player competitive hockey at a high level.

Many players have used the experience to enhance their playing skills and proceed to the next level.

Past players who have gone on to further their careers include Joe Murphy

(Ottawa Senators), Ross Parsons (Montreal Canadiens), Ross Neven (Bonnyville Pontiacs), Jason Brander (Melbourne Jets), Larry Moberg (Olds Grizzlies), and Mitch Ferguson (Calgary Canucks) to name a few.

Admission to the game is a donation to the food bank.

Please come out and cheer on some former home town hero's and help support a very needy cause.

# Elks install new officers

## Christmas party Dec. 23

Ron Townrow. Congratulations to the Officers and best wishes for a successful term.

The Elks will be hosting a Christmas Party on Saturday December 23, 2006 at 2:00 PM in the Elks Hall. All children in the Community are invited. Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive about 2:30.

At a regular Meeting in October the Elks decided to revise their meeting schedule. The second Thursday of the month will be an Executive Meeting to conduct routine business (note that all members can attend the Executive

meeting). For the meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month we will have a Supper followed by the Regular Meeting. This meeting will include all business of the Lodge. We ask that all members try to attend the Regular Meetings and participate in the decision-making processes for the Lodge.

Despite the above outlined schedule, the Regular Meeting for December 28, 2006 will be cancelled in respect of the Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas to all the Elks and Royal Purple Members.

*Submitted by Don Neal*

# Canine 4H news

The past few months have been busy for the Country Critters Canine 4H Club. To start it all off, we had elections. Erin Hall is now Club President, Lindsay Wasko is Vice President and Reporter, Katie Chappelle is Secretary and Kadie Martens is Treasurer. The job of Historian is shared by Niko Tsiras and Isaac Cenaiko. Gina Tsiras will be the new Medical Advisor. Pat Defor remains Club Leader and Della Kyncl continues to be Co-leader and Trainer.

We co-hosted the annual turkey dinner



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# W.I. News

President Ev. Robertson opened the Dec. 13 Jackson WI meeting held at the home of Darlene Hallett by welcoming guest Ellen Fyculak.

Ev proceeded to read us the poem "Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree", a delightful saga of how one Christmas tree brought joy to five families, right down to a field mouse!

Fifteen members answered the Roll Call by paying their 2007 dues and donating money for the Cremona Christmas hampers. Then we sang "Joy To The World".

Dorit Bird gave an enthusiastic report on the proceeds of the Cremona Craft Sale Dec. 9. The 26 cloth shopping bags which 8 ladies made, sold well and orders for more were taken. Some of the proceeds will aid needy Nepalese women.

A hearty thanks to Dorit for typing up our 2007 WI Schedule which was formulated at the Executive meeting held at Ev Robertson's Dec. 5.

Noreen informed us that we will serve the Birthday Tea at the Aspen Lodge in Didsbury on Jan. 26th. Many ladies eagerly offered to make angel foods or lemon sauce for the guests. We hope many of our men will accompany us and visit with

friends there. Then we enjoyed singing "O Come All Ye Faithful"

New Business: Much discussion arose about the AWI "Eagle's Wings" project to make baby layettes to send to the Ft. McMurray area.

A heartfelt thank you was given to Mary Thomson for delivering boxes of toiletries to the Women's Shelter in Red Deer, as well as boxes of books, toys and clothing to the Eagle's Nest in Morley.

Noreen regaled us with one of her poems --"Amy's Solo" after which we sang "Away In A Manger".

An advertisement has been placed in our local Hitching Post to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from members of our Jackson WI Branch.

Darlene had the pleasant duty of presenting a gift to our retiring president Ev. Robertson. Lita Reid read a heart tugging story about a Miracle in Wisconsin. Then President Ev. reminded us that our next meeting will be held Jan. 24 at her new home. Do bring an early picture of yourself and/or siblings.

The pleasant afternoon ended when a delicious lunch was served by ladies whose surnames began from M to Z.

*Submitted by Lita Reid*

# Clarification

## Re: Review article Dec. 12 – "Haskett pleads not guilty"

Saranna Arthur-Erickson had offered to donate 100 bracelets to Tamara Chaney to help offset costs she's incurred with her Stop Animal Cruelty Petition.

Further funds from the bracelet campaign were meant to help other team leaders with their costs, and the

remainder would go to animal welfare groups.

Chaney refused the offer, so the funds will now go to two Southern Alberta animal welfare organizations.

Chaney has started her own bumper sticker campaign to cover petition costs and any left-over money will go to A.C.C.E., a local non-profit organization that collects food, toys, blankets, etc., for animals.

**WEDNESDAY,  
DEC. 20**

**Blue Christmas** sometimes it's hard to have a Merry Christmas. It may be the first Christmas without loved family members of friends who have died. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all of these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone.

We will gather for a Blue Christmas worship, 7 p.m. at Knox United Church in Didsbury.

Please invite family, friends, neighbours, co-workers or anyone else who might be nurtured by this time together. For more information, please contact Rev. Nancy Nourse

335-8373.

**THURSDAY,  
DEC. 21**

The members of Redeemer Lutheran Church invite you to join them for the **live outdoor nativity** which runs each evening at 7:45 p.m. from Dec. 21-23. Hot cider, chocolate, and goodies will be served each night in the gym.

Christmas Eve service is celebrated at 7:30 p.m. and Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m.

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**PRIVILEGED MEMBERS** — Katy and Kyle Lucas sport the western wear label of their new status as members of the Wrangler division all star rodeo team.

# Lucas kids 'Gallup' to New Mexico with all-star rodeo team

BY FAYE BAYKO  
for the Review

Siblings Kyle and Katy Lucas of Carstairs have each earned a coveted spot on the 2006-2007 all-star team for the Wrangler Division of the National High School Rodeo Association.

"What we do is we take the top kids in each event that they finished at their state finals," aid Lyn Larsen, Wrangler division assistant coordinator, during a phone interview Nov. 8.

Katy, 13, and Kyle, 12, were teammates in ribbon roping and accumulated enough points to become season leaders.

"Ribbon roping is like when, say I was roping," explained Kyle during an interview Dec. 9.

"I would rope this calf and I'd have to get off (the horse) and hold the calf, and there's a ribbon on the calf's tail. Katy would have to come and grab the ribbon and run across the line."

The timed event is one of several in which a growing number of Grade 6 to 9 students compete against each other and the clock. The junior division of the Wrangler All-Star team was formed in 2004 and has already attracted an enthusiastic following.

Rodeo events mirror a lot of those in the adult division. Bull riding, tie-down roping, breakaway roping, goat tying, chute dogging, team roping, ribbon roping, barrel racing, and pole bending attract serious competition interested in getting a

jump-start on their high school rodeo career.

These competitors not only have to qualify through their efforts in the arena, they have to perform in school.

"If a child is failing a class (in school)," said Larsen. "They would be kicked off the team."

The standards are set high in order to maintain a positive public image for the sport of rodeo.

*"I have to tell you some of the sixth grade kids that I see out there rodeoing, they're as professional as maybe a sophomore in high school ... they definitely step up to the plate."*

LYN LARSEN

Wrangler division  
assistant coordinator

"I have to tell you some of the sixth grade kids that I see out there rodeoing, they're as professional as maybe a sophomore in high school ... they definitely step up to the plate."

Junior high students are stepping up to that plate on both sides of the border and in Australia.

It really seems to have taken off. We've got a lot of members already, almost 2,600."

The third annual Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo will be held in Gallup, New Mexico, July 2-7.

Both Katy and Kyle intend to be there.

"Well, last year I did break away," said Kyle.

"I got season leader for that, but this year I'm calf roping instead."

Katy has branched into another team event as well.

"This year I started to do team roping. I'm a healer."

With the NHSRA claiming to be one of the fastest growing youth organization nationally, the two Carstairs youth will have a lot of opportunity to test their new skills.

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## Didsbury REVIEW

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140. Births 140. Births



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**The Midway Playschool Society**  
would like to thank the following people for their contributions to this year's pizza fundraiser. Foothills Creamery, for the cheese and use of their refrigerated truck. Ro-Land Farms Ltd., for their donation of mushrooms. AG Foods Meat Dept., for the meat. Boston Pizza, for the pizza dough and boxes. Mrs. Elaine Schultz, for her donation of onions. The many volunteers, without your help we would not have had a successful day like we did. We would especially like to thank everyone who participated with our fundraiser this year and who purchased our pizzas and helped the Midway Playschool group. Thank-you!

1005. Help Wanted 1005. Help Wanted

**FULL TIME**  
Looking for mature individual with  
a variety of skills.  
Front end, shop, yard, and spare  
driving will be some tasks required  
or to be learned.  
Must be a non-smoker.  
**Please fax resume to 335-3453**  
**or submit to FEEG'S PROPANE,**  
**Didsbury, "Since 1952"**

5003. Real Estate Misc. 1005. Help Wanted

### HELP WANTED

**FULL TIME****MONDAY - FRIDAY****3:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

More details ask

Don Lee Hi Ho Gas

335-8100

**Employment Opportunity**  
**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**  
Didsbury Office

If you're someone that enjoys working with a team of highly motivated and innovative people in a growing agricultural business and has a commitment to customer service, an opportunity is available for you.

Duties for this full-time position include: direct customer involvement on the phone and in person, processing all sales and inventory transactions, month end reports, banking, and all administrative duties required to run an office.

Qualifications include: diploma or certificate from a post secondary office administration program, previous experience working in an office environment, strong communication and interpersonal skills, a strong working knowledge of computer programs and a professional attitude. An agricultural background is an asset.

Benefits: competitive salary, incentive plans, health care packages, and training opportunities are available with this position.

Please mail your resume to Corporate Services Manager Parkland Agri Services Box 939 Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 or fax to (403) 335-8134.

Only interview candidates will be contacted.

**MERRY**  
**christmas!**

## Didsbury REVIEW

**SELL YOUR HOME FAST AND FOR TOP DOLLAR****Call for a FREE Market Evaluation****No Cost   No Obligation   Any Time****335-0007****NEW LISTING****\$109,900**

Revenue property zoned R2.

**ACREAGE FOR SALE****\$329,000**

Large home on 2 acres, oversized garage/shop. Well treed Mountain View.

**NEW CONDO LISTING****\$194,000**

2 bdrm Golf Course View, plus many extras.

**NEW LISTING****\$329,900**

Open, spacious executive living space. Quiet cul de sac.

**NEW LISTING****\$200,000**

160 Acre, 99 year lease near Water Valley. River runs through. Direct road access. Taxes are only \$200 per year.

**NEW LISTING****\$344,000**

Unique quonset style 3 bdrm family home on one acre. Open loft, natural wood interior, this is a must see.

**BRAND NEW DUPLEX****\$259,000**

1115 sq. ft. duplex in 45 plus area. 2 bdrms with main floor laundry.

**ACREAGE FOR SALE****\$389,000**

3.9 acres plus lease, barn, shop, etc. More land available

**PRICED TO SELL****\$269,900**

4 bdrm 1094 sq. ft. home, 2 car detached garage, beautiful yard - Carstairs.

**LAKE PROPERTY****\$539,000**

Executive Lake Property - Olds. Walkout basement. Prime location. Shows 100%. 19 Lake Ridge Rd.

**NEW LISTING****\$299,000**

This is an immaculate new home with a double detached garage, in new development.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW****\$899,000**

Full quarter.

3 miles from Cremona. Call now.

**NEW LISTING****\$310,000**

Ready for you with solar heat in May 2007.

**GORGEOUS VIEWS****\$960,000**

Primrose Valley Ranch. 1 quarter + 1 quarter lease. West of Water Valley

**NEW LISTING****\$319,000**

Beautiful kept 3 bdrm family home with developed basement in a desirable location.

**FOR SALE BELOW APPRAISED VALUE****\$1,150,000**

16.63 acres bordering Little Red. 2 residences, greenhouses, gardens. 10 mins. east of Sundre.

**NEW LISTING****\$319,000**

5 bdrm family home backing onto the RoseBud river.

**RANCH+LAND****\$1,300,000**

Primrose Valley Ranch. Home quarter. West of Water Valley

**LIGHT INDUSTRIAL LOTS**  
1 - 6 acres serviced in Didsbury starting at  
**\$149,000/acre****THE JAMES CARPENTER TEAM**

James Carpenter

Gerry Tonn

Marilyn Moncur

Mel Crothers

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